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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO ALGERIAN ICJ PRESENTATION

1. SUMMARY. MOROCCAN PRESS GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO ALGERIAN ENDORSEMENT TUSCAHARA SELF-DETERMINATION IN ICJ PRESENTATION COMPLETED JULY 16, WITH OPPOSITION PAPERS QUESTIONING VALIDITY OF ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN RAPPROCHEMENT. SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANS, HOWEVER, HAVE THUS FAR AVOIDED LINKING ALGERIAN ICJ POSITION TO BROADER QUESTION OF RAPPROCHEMENT. GOM THUS APPEARS TO BE MULLING OVER CAREFULLY WHAT PUBLIC STANCE TO ASSUME NOW TOWARD ALGERIA. END SUMMARY.

2. ALGERIAN "DENIAL" IN ICJ PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL EXISTENCE

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OF MOROCCO AS A STATE WAS ANNOUNCED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS HEADLINES

JULY 16 (REXKL),# WAS HEATEDLY CONTESTED IN AUTHORITATIVE EDIT-

ORIAL SAME DAY BY PUBLISHER AHMED ALAOUI. EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "FALSIFICATION OF HISTORY", LABELED ALGERIAN PROPOSITION A "CURIOUS MANEUVER" AND AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT COURT FROM CONSIDERATION OF "SIMPLE QUESTIONS" BEFORE IT. HAPPILY, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, ICJ IS SERIOUS BODY WHICH DOES NOT BASE ITS JUDGMENT ON GRATUITOUS,HISTORICALLY UNSOUND ASSERTIONS.

3. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS HEADLINES JULY 17, AGAIN QUOTING AFP, NOTED ALGERIAN INSISTENCE ON SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAHARA DURING CONCLUSION OF ALGERIAN PRESENTATION JULY 16. NO COMMENTARY YET PUBLISHED, ALTHOUGH AFTERNOON EDITION FEATURED AN INDIRECT REBUTTAL IN FORM OF MAURITANIAN FONMIN OULD MOUKNASS STATEMENT JULY 16 THAT MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA "REJECT SELF) DETERMINATION FOR SAHARA."

4. L'OPINION (ISTIQLAL) CONTINUES TO BE MOST VOCAL OF OPPOSITION PRESS ON RECENT SAHARA DEVELOPMENTS. JULY 17 EDITORIAL, "TO DEFY INDECENCY", SAID ALGERIA'S ICJ PRESENTATION GIVES LIE TO ANY PRETENSE OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN HER POSITION AS RESULT OF BOUTEFLIKA VISIT. ENDORSEMENT OF SELFDETERMINATION, EDITORIAL HOWLED, IS RELATED TO ALGERIAN AIM OF "AMPUTATING A REGION FROM MOROCCAN TERRITORY", AND COULD NOT BE "MORE INIMICAL OR LESS FRATERNAL."

5. COMMENT: ALAOUI IS CONFIDANT OF KING HAFFAN AND HAS AIR OF BEING WELL BRIEFED ON STATE OF SAHARA PLAY, AS HIS JULY 8 EDITORIAL (RABAT 3321) HINTING BROADLY AT TERMS OF GOM-GOA ENTENTE WOULD INDICATE. FACT THAT HE HAS NOT REACTED IMMEDIATELY TO ALGERIAN SUPPORT IN ICJ OF SAHARA SELF-DETERMINATION WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE GOM IS MULLING OVER CAREFULLY WHAT PUBLIC STANCE TO ASSUME NOW TOWARD ALGERIA.  
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